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(*e*) whether the Industrial Commission has recommended that the Director of Industries must be a man having special qualification for the work he has to do; and

(*f*) whether Government are aware that technical men have been appointed as Directors in several other provinces of this country?

A.—(*a*) Since August 1916.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The Government Order was issued in February 1924 and after that vacancies have occurred thrice.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Yes. Government understand that that is so in some provinces.

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" May I know if the Government are considering the appointment as Director of Industries of one who is an expert in Industries?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" They have already appointed one, Sir."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" Is he qualified technically?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" He is not technically qualified, but he has got necessary administrative qualifications otherwise."

Veterinary

Starting of a veterinary dispensary at Nandikotkur.

*318 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state, in view of the answers given to question No. 1347 answered on 1st February 1929, whether the Government have decided to start a veterinary dispensary at Nandikotkur, Kurnool district, in 1929–30?

A.—Yes.

[For further starred questions please see pages 504–516 infra.]

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Civil Justice

Increase in the percentage of depressed classes appointed as attenders and peons.

319 *Q.*—Rao Sahib R. SRINIVASAN: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that in the official year ending 31st March 1928 in the District Courts of this Province, out of the total number of 7,546 men serving as peons and attenders and drawing salaries less than Rs. 35 per mensem there were only 46 depressed classes men, i.e., 61 per cent of the total number of appointments; and

(*b*) if the answer be in the affirmative, whether the Government will be pleased to consider the desirability of recruiting a higher percentage of depressed class men to the above appointments?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Government will consider the suggestion.

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Irrigation

Improvements to the supply channel to Anamasamudram tank.

320 Q.—Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that attempts were made some years back to improve the supply channel to the Anamasamudram tank in Nellore district, and that several thousands were spent on that;

(b) if so, what amount was spent and how many years back;

(c) whether it is a fact that the work is still incomplete; and

(d) whether the Government have given up the idea of completing it; and if not, when they propose to take up the work again?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) About Rs. 6,300 in 1913–14 and 1914–15 under 'Capital outlay,' and about Rs. 3,000 under 'Repairs' in 1914–15 and 1915–16.

(c) & (d) So far as the Government are aware, the works referred to above have been completed. The Government are however calling for a report whether any further improvements to the supply channel are under consideration by the local officers.

Local Boards

Impounding of stray cattle in district roads.

321 Q.—Rao Sahib R. Srinivasan: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it was brought to the notice of the Government that cattle (buffaloes, goats and pigs) that stray in district roads are a source of danger to motor-cars and buses; and

(b) whether Government propose to take steps to impound such animals as are found straying on district roads?

A.—(a) No.

(b) Necessary provision already exists in section 11 of the Cattle Trespass Act (India), 1871. No further action is called for.

[For further unstarred question please see page 516 infra.]

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Stationery.

Typewriting machines used in Government offices.

*322 Q.—Mr. C. S. Govindaraja Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) which of the following types of typewriting machines are now in use (Remington, Underwood, Royal and Woodstock)

(1) in each of the Secretariat Departments;

(2) in other Government offices in the Madras City;

(3) in the mufassal offices, and the number now in use in each of the Secretariat offices, in the office of the Board of Revenue, and in each of the other Government offices in the City;

(b) the principle observed in the distribution of the Government patronage in this respect;

(c) the number indented by the Superintendent of Stationery in each type of typewriters from the supplying firms (Agents) in Madras during each of the last three years;